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Docket No.: 5976-0111PUS1  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Jan MOLLENHAUER et al.

U.S. Patent No. 8,017,142 B2  
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Application No.: 10/590,657

Confirmation No.: 1500

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Art Unit: N/A

For: USE OF DMBT1 FOR CAPTURING  
SULPHATE AND PHOSPHATE GROUP  
EXPOSING AGENTS

Examiner: N/A

**ATTENTION:** Refund Section  
Accounting Division  
OFFICE OF FINANCE

**REQUEST FOR A REFUND**  
**(IMPROPER FEES PAID - SMALL ENTITY PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED)**

MS 16  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 3, 2012

Sir:

**I. REFUND REQUEST**

This is a request for a refund with respect to the charge to Deposit Account 02-2448 shown on the statement for the month of August 25, 2006 for the above-identified

☐ application ☒ patent

☒ A copy of the monthly statement in which the error referred to occurs, accompanies this request.

## II. FEES CHARGED FOR WHICH REFUND REQUESTED

|  | AMOUNT OF<br>REFUND<br>REQUESTED |
|--|----------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Improper charge of Large Entity Issue Fee | <u>\$1,510.00</u>                |
| TOTAL REFUND REQUESTED   | <u>\$755.00</u>                  |

## III. EXPLANATION OF WHY CONTESTED CHARGE IS IN ERROR

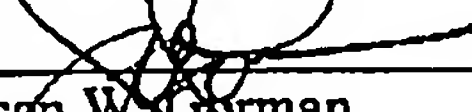
The large entity rate was erroneously charged during the payment of the Issue Fee. Applicants respectfully request that the small entity rate be charged and that the remaining fee of \$755.00 be refunded to the Applicant. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a), applicants hereby request a refund of 50% of the Issue Fee paid on August 5, 2011. Small entity status was established prior to payment of this fee upon initial filing of the present application on August 25, 2006.

## IV. MANNER OF REFUND

Please make refund by crediting Account No. 02-2448.

Dated: January 3, 2012

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August 2011 Deposit Account Reconciliation**

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